

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 16 to 28 are cancelled and claims 29 to 42 are added as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 to 28 (Cancelled).

29. (New) A method of limiting the speed of a vehicle in the presence of environmental conditions with said vehicle being driven by a driver who can be classified by type, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5 determining the environmental conditions of said vehicle;
 determining a maximum permissible speed in dependence upon
the determined environmental conditions;
 limiting the speed of said vehicle to said maximum
permissible speed;
- 10 disabling said limiting when an operator-controlled element
is actuated beyond a pregiven threshold angle;
 carrying out an increase of the speed of said vehicle above
said maximum permissible speed in form of a ramp function having
a slope or iteratively in a pregiven step width; and,
- 15 inputting a value for said slope or for said step width with
said value being dependent upon the type of said driver.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said operator-controlled element is an accelerator pedal.

31. (New) The method of claim 29, comprising the further step of determining said environmental conditions in dependence upon at least one of the following: rain intensity, humidity, ambient temperature, ambient pressure and ambient brightness.

32. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said limiting is disabled only with the actuation of said operator-controlled element beyond said threshold angle when said actuation has been present for a pregiven time duration.

33. (New) The method of claim 29, comprising the further step of disabling said limiting when at least one of said environmental conditions passes a pregiven threshold value.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein said limiting is disabled when at least one of the following occurs: the rain intensity drops below a first pregiven value; the ambient brightness exceeds a second pregiven value; the ambient
5 temperature exceeds a third pregiven value and the ambient pressure exceeds a fourth pregiven value.

35. (New) The method of claim 29, comprising the further step of disabling said limiting when a switch-off condition is present.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein said switch-off condition is present when at least one of the following occurs: a wheel slip of said vehicle drops below a fifth pregiven value and an instantaneous speed of said vehicle drops below a sixth
5 pregiven value.

37. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said limiting only becomes active when the environmental conditions, which lead to the determination of the maximum permissible speed, are present uninterrupted for a second pregiven time and the instantaneous
5 speed of said vehicle exceeds the maximum permissible speed.

38. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said limiting of the speed is realized by limiting a driver command torque or is realized by limiting a degree of actuation of an operator-controlled element.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said operator-controlled element is an accelerator pedal.

40. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein, when said type of driver is a sporty driver, said value is selected as a first value and, when said type of driver is an economical driver, said value is selected as a second value which is less than said first
5 value.

41. (New) An arrangement for limiting the speed of a vehicle in the presence of environmental conditions with said vehicle being

driven by a driver who can be classified by type, the arrangement comprising:

5 means for detecting the environmental conditions of said vehicle;

means for determining a maximum permissible speed in dependence upon the detected environmental conditions;

10 means for limiting the speed of said vehicle to said maximum permissible speed;

means for disabling said limiting when an operator-controlled element is actuated beyond a pregiven threshold angle;

15 means for carrying out an increase of the speed of said vehicle above said maximum permissible speed in form of a ramp function having a slope or iteratively in a pregiven step width; and,

20 said carrying out means including means for inputting a value for said slope or for said step width with said value being dependent upon the type of said driver.

42. (New) The arrangement of claim 41, wherein, when said type of driver is a sporty driver, said value is selected as a first value and, when said type of driver is an economical driver, said value is selected as a second value which is less than said first value.
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